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OUTLOOK IS FAVORABLE

Staff Members and Employees
Gave to Fund to Guard
Against Deficit

The salary reserve plan, under which members of the staff and employees of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have undertaken to protect the Institute against any possible serious deficit during the period of economic readjustment, has been discontinued and the contributions to this fund will be returned, President Karl T. Compton announced at the first regular meeting of the faculty Wednesday afternoon.

The Institute's salary reserve fund, which has been characterized by college administrative officers throughout the country as a model plan for meeting possible financial contingencies, was started last November. Under it members of the staff and employees contributed 10 per cent of their salaries.

Discontinuance of the fund has been made possible by the more favorable financial outlook of the Institute, according to which there is little likelihood of a deficit being incurred during the current year unless

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CAST ANNOUNCED FOR DRAMASHOP'S "THE IVORY DOOR"

First Rehearsal for Winter
Play Held in Room
2-178 Today

Charles W. Ball, '34 and Phyllis M. Needham, '36 have been awarded the leading roles in Milne's play "The Ivory Door," Charles Gamble, '34, general manager of Dramashop, announced today. Both students have had parts in previous Dramashop productions.

This year a larger number of students have come out for dramatics than ever before and Professor Dean M. Fuller, in charge of the production, is pleased with the interest they have shown. Rehearsals will begin this Friday in room 2-178 at five o'clock.

The cast is as follows:—*Pervale*, Charles W. Ball, '34; *Lilia*, Phyllis M. (Continued on Page 4)

GOODWILL GROUP OF FRENCH NOTABLES VISITS INSTITUTE

Party Impressed With Alumni Donations for Equipment

Technology was greatly honored yesterday by having the privilege of entertaining a group of seven distinguished French visitors who are touring the industrial centers of the United States under the auspices of the Institut des Etudes Americaine, which is a part of the committee of French-American relations.

After Pres. Compton had formally received the party, the group inspected the laboratory for textile research where recent developments in textile microscopy were shown. The party then lunched with several members of the faculty.

Formerly Guided by M. Francois
The visitors were under the guid-

Fail to Pass New Rule at Institute Committee Meeting

Student Curriculum Committee
Membership is Defeated
by Single Vote

DISCUSS OPEN HOUSE

The Institute Committee yesterday evening failed by one vote to pass a motion that the chairman of the Student Curriculum Committee be a member of the Institute Committee.

Donald K. Lister, '34, proponent of the idea, said that the plan would give members of the committee an incentive to greater work and that the committee could benefit from the representation. On the other hand, the opponents, including W. Randolph Churchill, '34 and Louis P. Holladay, 3rd, '34, stated that the Institute Committee was an organization of activities and would not help the curriculum committee.

Discussion on the matter lasted half an hour before a vote was finally taken, resulting in a defeat by President Bell's deciding vote.

Open House Discussed

Another question which caused considerable discussion was the question of Open House for this year. The opinion of the Institute Committee was that the Combined Professional Societies should immediately begin work to discover whether the students and the Faculty favor Open House.

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\$1,000 DONATED TO CRAFTS LIBRARY

Gift to be Used for Purchase
of Special Collection
of Science Books

An anonymous gift of \$1,000 to the Crafts Library of the new graduate house at the Institute was announced at the weekly dinner of the graduate students in North Hall, Walker Memorial, Wednesday night.

Howard A. Robinson, graduate student chairman of the house library committee, in making the announcement said that the gift is to be used for the purchase of a special collection of books on the history of science, technology and architecture, and the biographies of the leaders in these fields. It is also expected to provide a variety of scientific reference books and dictionaries. Only \$2,000 is now required to complete the various collections in Crafts Library.

ance of M. Francois, former president of the Municipal Council of Paris (Mayor of Paris), but he was recalled to France a short while ago. M. Paul Balbaud, advisor on foreign commerce of France, and former professor at the University of Toronto, is now leading the party. It includes Mme. Poincare, M. de Lasalle, and M. Breuvard, prominent textile manufacturers of Northern France.

The chief purpose of the tour is for the group to know the American people better through personal contacts, and thus establish a more friendly feeling between France and the U. S.

Visited Many Cities

Their previous itinerary has included Chicago, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Washington, Baltimore, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and Detroit.

Both Classes Show Increased Spirit As Preparations For Field Day Reach Final Stages

BRIGGS FLEES FRESHMAN KIDNAPERS; LEAVES TOWN

Is Not on Any Field Day Team, Is Subject to Abduction

Phillip G. Briggs, Sophomore president, will be out of town by Monday. THE TECH learned last night from an authoritative source. The object of this move, it was learned, is to thwart any attempt the freshmen might make to kidnap him.

In the past it has been the tradition for the freshman class to attempt to abduct the Sophomore president a few days before Field Day and hold him prisoner until the clash, when he is brought triumphantly on the field as the freshman mascot.

Many of the former Sophomore presidents have averted all danger of such a mishap by joining one of the teams, as any class which kidnaps a member of a team of the opposing class automatically forfeits Field Day. However, Briggs is not on any of the teams and he is therefore sub-



PHILIP G. BRIGGS, '36
Sophomore President

ject to abduction. He has taken the precaution of being absent in order to prevent a disaster.

HARRIERS TO OPEN SEASON TOMORROW

Captain Mann Leads Engineers Against Rhode Island State Outfit

With Rhode Island State College as their opponents, the Technology varsity and freshman harriers open their season at Franklin Park tomorrow. The two teams have never met before, but the meet should be a close one, since the Staters have a good group of runners.

The seven men who will run for the Rhode Island varsity are: Captain (Continued on Page 3)

Dormitories Hold Field Day Dance

Sammy Liner's orchestra will furnish the music at the Field Day dance, in Walker Memorial, Friday, Oct. 27, from 9 until 2.

The dormitory committee has charge of tickets, which can be secured from any committee member for \$1.50 per couple. The dormitories will hold open house from one until eleven, as a concession to dormitory residents having guests for the dance.

More chaperones have been invited this year in comparison to past dances, and G. Kingman Crosby, '34, states that the dance should be a greater success than that of last year. All students are invited, the dance not being confined to dormitory residents alone.

TECHNIQUE SIGN-UPS DUE WEEK OF OCT. 23

Senior pictures will be taken this year in a room at the Institute, Technique announces, and not as formerly in the well-known "Shadowland" on Massachusetts Avenue. Seniors are again reminded that sign-ups for Technique pictures must be made during any lunch hour of the week of October 23. The fee is one dollar.

Freshman Field Day Meeting Will be Held Today

Men on Rival Teams Must Not
be Kidnapped Before
Event Is Held

TEAMS GET EQUIPMENT

Banquet in Walker Memorial
for Members of Competing
Sports Teams

The freshman class will enter the last week before Field Day by holding a mass meeting today at 5 p. m. in Room 5-330, W. H. Stockmayer, '35, leader of the first year class in the inter-class competition, announced yesterday. Although the meeting will be very short, it is of the utmost importance that a large representation of the class be at the meeting.

Attention of the freshmen and Sophomores is called to the fact that men on Field Day teams must not be kidnapped before the contests, under penalty of forfeiting the outcome of (Continued on Page 4)

COMMUTERS HEAR DR. COMPTON AT FIRST MEETING

Tells of Value of Alumni to
the Institute in All
Parts of World

President Karl T. Compton addressed the Commuters' Association meeting last Tuesday on the interest shown in the Institute by members of the alumni located in various parts of the country. He pointed out that alumni living in the vicinity of the Institute should logically be most actively interested in it, but that as a matter of fact the very opposite is true.

The Detroit Technology Club was cited as being particularly active, while the California club is even more so, compared as to the number of members. When President Compton arrived at Prince Rupert, British Columbia, on a trip, he was met by a 100% turn out of the Institute graduates—one man.

The implication of his statements was that those who live nearby must be particularly on guard against a contempt for the Institute, bred of familiarity.

Examples of interest in the problems of the community on the part of the Institute added force to President Compton's statement that the Institute men living in the neighborhood of the Institute should be stimulated to a reciprocal interest.

BATON GIVES DANCE FOR MUSICAL CLUBS

With music furnished by "The Techtonians" the members of the Combined Musical Clubs will attend Saturday night an informal dance given by "Baton" honorary society of the Musical Clubs.

The dance will be held in North Hall of Walker Memorial from 8 o'clock to midnight. It is open to all members of the Musical Clubs and their friends. The tax is \$.75 a couple.

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"WHERE'S ELMER?"

TODAY we heard someone say in skeptical reply to a friend, "Where's Elmer?" (It was said with the self-consciousness with which all new and untried expressions are.) "Where's Elmer?" is a phrase that apparently is spreading itself all over the country much the same as did its companion phrases "I'm from Missouri!" and "Oh, yeah!"

But how amusing it is that while we smugly decry the German people for their sheep-like following of Adolf Hitler, at the same time we eagerly snatch up a cheap piece of slang and use it in our daily speech to show that we are moderns at heart. Why is it that what is sauce for the American goose is not sauce for the German gander?

Used in the speech of every American who wishes to assure his neighbor that he is a "jolly good fellow" and a typically up-to-date modern, "Where's Elmer?" is spreading its insidious tentacles through the American language. And while in one breath the American is telling of his contempt for the sheep-like Germans, in another he cries, appropriately enough, "Where's Elmer?"

CYCLICAL PHENOMENA

IT IS rumored that the Sophomores display very little class spirit this year. Field day will provide the test. It may be that history will show that '34 was the last class at Technology with any real class spirit; but we doubt it.

A cyclical trend manifests itself in some respects, at least. Take the Liberal Club. Last year this organization contained a few graduate students, quite a number of Juniors (Class of '34) and almost no members of the classes of '33, '35, or '36.

Possibly there are cycles of class spirit, just as there are claimed to be cycles of rainfall, of solar radiation, of ice ages, and of business activity. We do not vouch for the reality of all these cycles; but if both nature and the capitalist system display cyclical phenomena, why should not class spirit do likewise?

And if class spirit be a cyclical phenomenon, the Sophomore whose pride is injured by the defeat of his class can find solace, if he will but adopt determinism as his philosophy. For surely that defeat was neither his fault nor his friends' fault (although they did nothing to prevent it). They were born at the wrong time. It is said that determinism is going out of fashion among the physicists. Shall we pity the poor Sophomore if his physicist friends inform him of this fact. Certainly not. If he is intelligent he will perceive evidence of another cyclical phenomenon in the philosophical trends of physicists. And he will have further support for his Law of Cyclical Variation.

But freshmen, if they win, may not concede that victory was merely a consequence of having been born at the right time.

For the victor, glory and free will; for the vanquished, disappointment and determinism. We wish the Sophomores good fortune on Field Day.

ORGANIZATION OF COMMUTERS

WITH the mass-meeting of all commuting students last Tuesday, the Commuters Association of the Institute has started its season in full swing. In a three-day campaign for members, over one hundred and twenty were signed up, and almost all of these were present at the meeting. In his address to the commuters, President Compton stated that the administration is willing to aid the association in any way that it can.

The plans for local commuters' clubs have not been completed in any but a few cases, but several are expecting to become organized in the near future. The value of these organizations cannot be overestimated. With them, groups which formerly had little or no separate activities, such as dances or sports, have the opportunity to gather together and become better acquainted than they could in the locker rooms. With a good organization, the commuters will have a greater interest in the affairs of the Institute.

THE TECH

SALARY RESERVES WILL BE RETURNED

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business conditions take a turn for the worse.

President Compton stated that "this action is due in a large part, first, to the splendid cooperation of the staff in avoiding unnecessary expenditures, and second, to the gratifying increase in enrollment above that which was indicated by student registration early in the summer." He added that should the financial outlook again become threatening during the course of the year the salary reserve plan might be resumed.

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SPORTS COMMENT

With twenty-two men working out on the mats in Hangar Gym last Wednesday afternoon, it seems that Technology is outdoing itself. It is unusual to see that many men out, and so early in the season. Several of them were freshmen who were learning the fundamental holds of the game from Coach Jay Ricks, evidently in preparation for the all-Tech tournament which is being held on Dec. 8 and 9.

"The tournament," Coach Ricks explained, "is open to everybody at Technology except last year's letter men. It gives all those interested in the sport, and who have never entered competition a chance to gain experience, and at the same time compete for the medals. I want to emphasize the fact that transfers who come to Technology and are ineligible for the varsity team, can enter this tournament to get the fun of competition and the experience to prepare for next year's varsity. I will be glad to coach all the fellows who come out, and I hope to see a lot of them."

Although Coach Bill Haines has one of the biggest turnouts in Technology crew history operating down at the boathouse, the managerial department of that sport is not so fortunate. As this is written, there are still several likely positions for freshmen on the staff of managers. Manager Art King would like to see any first-year men who desire a live managing post at the A. A. office in Walker any afternoon, or down at the boathouse in the morning.

The freshman football team, after a good week of drill, has its first practice game this afternoon against a Harvard house team up at Soldier's Field. In charge of Coaches Bob McIver, '34, Harner Selvidge, '32, now at Harvard, Jack Colby, '35, and Paul Beal, '35, the yearlings are primed to give the heavier Sophs a real battle next Friday.

International Club Will Hold Second Meeting

Doctor William L. Stidger, professor of English at B. U., will address the second Sunday supper meeting of the International Student Club in North Hall next Sunday, at five o'clock. Dr. Stidger has traveled extensively, and has written some very well known poems.

A musical program featuring Albert R. Raymond, concert baritone, will follow Dr. Stidger's address.

Organized Nine Years Ago

The club was organized in 1924 by James B. Watson, who has been in charge ever since, with the intention of bringing foreign students in Boston schools and colleges together. For the first nine years the meetings were held at the Y. M. C. A., but this year the gatherings will take place at the Institute.

Rah-Rah Collegiana Invades Tech Campus

Some hapless co-ed, having evidently agreed to a heavy date with "the man," has affixed the following tale of woe to the bulletin board in the main lobby:

"Wanted before 1:30 on Saturday afternoon, to rent or borrow a pair of roller skates. Apply with skates to Margaret Cheney Room."

HARRIERS BEGIN SEASON TOMORROW

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Everett Morris of Attleboro, Ray Kelly, Bob Childs, Knight Fairchild, Ed Cotter, Pat Sullivan and Art Hanley. Cotter was among the point-winners for his team in last fall's New England Intercollegiates, when the Staters placed fourth. Morris, Kelly, and Sullivan are also veterans.

The first seven men on the Engineer team are as yet unpicked, but the following twelve will run: Captain Bob Mann, John Barrett, Mort Jenkins, John Talbert, Clark Nichols, Wendell Fitch, Tom Blair, Ernest Greenwood, Ralph Ranger, Richard

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Friday, October 20
5:00 P.M.—Tech Show Smoker, Walker Memorial, Prof. Greene, speaker.

Saturday, October 21
9:00 P.M.—Baton Society, Dance, North Hall, Walker Memorial.

Sunday, October 22
5:00 P.M.—International Students' Club Dinner, North Hall, Walker.

Monday, October 23
6:00 P.M.—Dorm Dinner Club Dinner, Grill, Walker Memorial.
6:30 P.M.—Dorm Freshman Dinner, North Hall, Walker Memorial.

FAIL TO PASS NEW RULE AT MEETING

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Routine business included a report of the Point System Committee enabling Walter H. Stockmayer, '35, to carry 17 points, E. Philip Kron, '34, to carry 12 points, and Joseph L. Seligman, '34, to carry 11 points instead of the usual maximum of 10 points.

Approve Commuters' Association

After a statement that the purpose of the Commuters' Association was to acquaint the commuters with Institute men and to encourage their participation in activities, the constitution for the association was approved.

Elections for the Senior Dance Committee were Henry D. Humphreys, chairman; Louis P. Holladay, 3rd, treasurer; Edward P. Bromley, William G. Ball, Jr., Proctor Wetherell, and Robert C. Becker. William R. Saylor, '36, was chosen to fill a vacancy in the Institute Committee, and Walter H. Marshall was chosen to fill a vacancy as Junior member of the Walker Memorial Committee. Additions to the Elections Committee were G. Fred Lincoln, '35 and Stanley P. Johnson, '36.

CAST CHOSEN FOR "THE IVORY DOOR"

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Needham, '36; Brand, Philip H. Dreissigacher, Jr., '37; Chancellor, Ralph D. Morrison, Jr., '36; Captain, Henry A. Cashman, '34; Munner, Mortimer Rosenbaum, '35; Rollo, Alvin J. Garber, '37; Titus, Frederick R. Claffee, '37; Carlo, Charles H. Ross, '35; Anton, Thomas L. Blakeman, '36; Simeon, Herbert A. Morris, Jr., '34; Beppo, Theodore O. Kresser, '34; King Hilary, Gerold C. Rich, '35; Prince Perivale, Lincoln R. Clark, Jr., '37; Anna, Landon P. Bunker, '35; Thora, Virginia D. Davidson, '34; Jessica, Frandes C. Blackwood, '37. Citizens: Irwin Sagalyn, '37; Leonard A. Seder, '37; Jerome E. Salny, '37; Neil J. Starr, '37; Shea A. LaBonte, '35; Ethelyn S. Trimbley, '36; Harvey F. Philpard, '37.

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END PREPARATION FOR FIELD DAY

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the day's events to the other class. This rule does not apply to class officers or anyone else who does not participate on a team, excluding the glove fight.

Sophomore Spirit Due

A review of THE TECH shows that the spirit of the classes runs the same this year as in previous years, the freshman being most interested until the last week, when the Sophomores swing into action that either carries them through the day victorious or allows them to fall into the dirt defeated and disgraced. It is now time for the Class of '36 to commence activity, according to these records.

Both football teams are reported as showing much promise. The second year men have almost completed crew selection, while the freshmen are still in competition among themselves to represent the class. Coach Oscar Hedland believes that the freshmen have the advantage in the relay race. As for the tug of war, both teams are in need of more and bigger men. The glove fight will probably be won by the class with the larger representation.

Freshmen Collect \$75

Stockmayer reports that the freshmen section leaders have collected

about \$75 for football equipment. The money is in charge of R. P. Rudy, '37, treasurer, who was assisted in its collection by freshman section leaders T. R. Kinrade, C. J. Hosmer, and G. R. Young. The freshman team plays a house team at Harvard at 3 p.m. today.

After the Field Day events are over there will be a banquet at 6 p.m. in the North Hall of Walker Memorial for the members of all field day teams, winners or losers, except those in the glove fight. Dr. Rockwell will be master of ceremonies, and Coaches Hedland and McCarthy will speak.

Next Thursday, Oct. 26, both freshman and Sophomore classes will have mass meetings for the purpose of explaining the Field Day rules and the rallying of forces. Freshmen will meet in Room 10-250 and Sophomores in Room 5-330.

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A motion picture about the new Plymouth car, entitled "Three Minute" will be presented by the society on Wednesday, October 25.

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